

CANNOT the Legislative boodlers plead "the custom of the country?"

HON. ED. EVERSOLE, of Washington county, may be a candidate for Congress next year. He has ability and, if he runs, will make the race interesting.

If the big show in St. Louis to-day is not a success the cause will not lie in lack of advertising. The city papers have not failed of their duty in the premises.

Gov. DOCKERY did the right thing in vetoing the bill establishing a normal school at Joplin. The State has enough of these befuddled and fuddled burdens to bear.

THIS "boodling" business is bad enough, goodness knows; but there have been other lapses from virtue. To read the *Globe-Democrat* these days one would think there had never been a "star route" scandal or a "whiskey ring," and that Democrats only were guilty of wrong doing, or rather that malfeasance in office was a concomitant solely of Democratic rule. The *G.-D.* has a forehead of brass and a lack of conscience that would do credit to His Satanic Majesty.

It is with regret that I learn of the serious illness of my friend, W. R. McMullin, editor of the *Jefferson Democrat*. All who know him will join in the prayer that he may be spared for many years. He is an able, honest and fearless advocate of the right as he sees it, and his judgment rarely betrays him. For more than thirty-five years he has conducted the *Democrat*, and all his life has done his full duty as man, citizen, husband and father. The places of such men are not easily filled.

THAT decision on the Merger case was a flash-in-the-pan, after all. Of course! Last year Roosevelt said there were good and bad trusts; this year he is saying little, and that little so painted over with "ifs" and "ands" as to lose all color of assertion. Next year he will have resolved his mind into the belief that all trusts are good—the necessary results of necessary conditions. In the meantime, under the complaisance of the Federal Court, the Merger people can go right along just as though nothing had happened. O, this is a big Nation—made up of sheep and fools; mostly both.

ALL over the Union are boodling and rumors of boodling by law-makers: in Delaware, Rhode Island, Nebraska, Illinois, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, etc. We're all "on the make" and by common consent the end is held to justify the means. Honesty may have been good policy in the days when "education" had not widened the aspirations of men, but it will not answer the requirements of these strenuous times. In the acceptable worship of Mammon the virtues are consumed at the altar, and no devotee desires to set himself above his god.

IS IT to be merely a question of how much "hogging" the people will stand? I refer to "World's Fair" hogging. The hotels and restaurants at St. Louis, advancing prices, "hogging" have been and to-day one "hog" for several months, double the amount formerly demanded for lodging. At the restaurants the "hog" has not been so great, but the charge is increased from 25 to 50 per cent. I do not speak of the exorbitant rates prevailing to-day because of the immense crowd called into the city to attend the Dedication, though one could not unreasonably expect fair charges on that account; an increase of traffic generally presupposes lower prices. I suggest to the World's Fair City money-getters that there is such a thing as killing the goose that lays the golden eggs; present indications are that only a very tough and highly vitalized fowl will be able to survive the ordeal apparently in store for her. Thousands of people remain at home to-day because the expense of a day in the city is not justified by their means, or for the other reason that they do not like being fleeced by the hotels and restaurants. It seems to me a little less of the "hog" and somewhat of reasonable fairness toward their expected visitors and patrons would induce happier results all around.

I ASK the men of the pulpit what they think of the following horrible story given by a no less responsible authority than the *New York Evening Post*? Does it not seem that it would be proper to civilize and Christianize the men we send over to the Philippines before expending more money and energy upon the "beathens" of other nations? Read the following. O ye who make broad your phylacteries and shout from the housetops, and then get down on your knees and pray God to avert the vengeance he is wont to exact for blood-guiltiness and cruelty:

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plaza of Laos a perfected form of the bastinado. Prisoners who refused to confess what was expected of them were stripped, laid on benches, and beaten with rattan rods in the hands usually of six torturers. The flesh of victims was frightfully gashed, and insensibility frequently produced. The scenes, with the pavements covered with blood and scraps of skin and flesh torn from the bleeding wretches, is described by the soldiers who were forced to witness them as horrible in the extreme. One victim, who had been a captain in the native revolutionary army, when the blows had ceased begged to be shot, and, though this mercy was not granted him, died during the night following the whipping. On one day as many as 20 men of Laos could be seen lying, half-dazed, bruised, bleeding, and unable to move, stretched out on the benches on which they had been beaten. Among other victims were Jose Ver, mayor of San Miguel, and Juan Avila, mayor of San Nicholas, near-by towns. These men were twice beaten; three days after the second torture both were dead.

The story of these murders, as revealed in their brutal particulars by the investigation ordered by the general of the army, and fully told by a special correspondent of the *New York Evening Post*, reads like an account of the performances of savages, and constitutes one more inexpressible shameful blot upon the history of our operations in the east.

DAMN militarism! say I. It is unrighteous, it is brutalizing, it is devilish in its every attribute and tendency. It ignores every virtue save physical courage, and of that code of "honor" is even its very (Christian people) a disgrace to a one law—that of force—and seeks but one end—that of self. It thrives only in bloodshed, with tears and with suffering. To everything that tends to brighten the world, to lead men toward the heaven that God has promised the righteous, it is sworn enemy. It takes from the pathway of life its flowers and plants thorns instead. Friends and fellow-citizens, let me give you one specimen of the fruit grown upon this accursed tree of militarism, and then say if I have used one word in this connection too pronounced in its harshness. The incident occurred in Germany—whose imperial government is the epitome of militarism. An upstart of the navy, a cadet, met an artilleryman, a private; they had been schoolmates. The private offered his hand to his "superior" instead of saluting him according to the military code. For this the cadet ordered the artilleryman to a police station, and on the way murdered him with his sword. One of the witnesses says that the artilleryman was about to enter a beer hall in Essen with the witness when the cadet encountered him. The artilleryman was slightly inebriated. Neither he nor the witness saw the cadet until the cadet approached in a bellowing manner and said to the artilleryman: "You failed in your duty by not saluting me; accompany me to the police station." The artilleryman was surprised, but said nothing, and attempted to pass along the street. The cadet pursued with drawn sword, easily overtook him, struck him flat on the head, making him reel, and then drove the blade into his back. The artilleryman fell in a heap, bleeding both from the head and back. It all happened in an instant. There was no provocation whatever. The cadet was perfectly cool and seemed to feel proud when he saw the artilleryman fall.

When a noncommissioned officer came, the cadet said vauntingly: "I did this. When I draw my sword blood must flow. This man insulted me by refusing to salute and endeavored to escape arrest. I had to defend an officer's honor at all costs." I quote

the *Chicago Public's* comment upon the murder:

"There you have militarism in the germ. It has turned a boy of generous instincts into what is worse than savagery—a remorseless human mechanism of death. This is what it is to develop the strenuous military life. This is what it means to American children, if we go on gathering them a legacy of 'military honor' to displace the simple code of morality that was our own inheritance. Is it not a pretty picture! If there is anything divine about it, what could you suggest as an example of the satanic?"

Cured by Osteopathy.

PIEDMONT, Mo., April 16, 1903. *Ed. Register*—I gladly testify to Osteopathy and Dr. W. J. Smith's practice in the case of my ten-year-old son, who was very sick last May, and pronounced in a serious condition by our best physician—the only hope being an operation. The trouble was a stoppage in the bowels, called intussusception, and as I have a horror of the knife I sent for Dr. Smith, who found a paralyzed segment of the large bowel, and in twenty-four hours brought an entire change, by Osteopathy, and in a short time a complete cure, and I earnestly recommend Dr. Smith for all similar cases.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to express our sincere and heartfelt thanks to the good people of kind and vicinity who were so attentive to our dear mother, Mrs. M. A. Eisman, in her long and fatal illness. Long will we hold you all in grateful memory. THE CHILDREN. Pilot Knob, Mo., April 27, 1903.

Bellevue Items.

Owing to the extremely cold weather farmers out here are very much behind hand with their spring work. It has been stated that the heavy frosts last week killed the fruit, but with the exception of a few of the cherries, the fruit is not very materially damaged.

Not in years has there been such a prospect for a heavy mast, which will greatly benefit those who are in close proximity to the range.

Wheat looks fairly well, but meadows are very far behind the average for this season of the year.

Rev. LaTour filled his regular appointment at the Second Baptist church on the second Sunday; also Rev. T. J. Hill at the First Baptist church Sunday last.

W. E. Harrah has returned from St. Louis.

Gentry Ramsey on last Saturday evening attended the literary exercises of Calcedonia college.

On Monday afternoon, the 20th, the writer had the pleasure of attending the closing exercises of the Graniteville school. The programme consisted of recitations, songs, etc., and the manner in which the pupils acquitted themselves showed clearly that the teachers in charge are conscientious up-to-date teachers.

H. Latham and wife were in Ironton last Tuesday.

D. H. Hartman has had his dwelling house repainted, which adds much to its appearance.

On the 18th inst., Prof. J. H. Turner sold at public sale his household and kitchen furniture. He contemplates moving his family to De Soto, where he will engage in the insurance business.

Miss Letha Moyer made a trip to Ironton Tuesday.

On Sunday, the 19th, Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey visited J. T. Patterson and family.

Mr. Samuel Moyer, of Munger, has removed to B. A. Sloan's farm, near town.

Leota and Ethel Hawkins will attend the training school in Ironton.

Misses Ethel and Emma Hawkins, accompanied by Mrs. James Hawkins, visited Mollie and Minnie Patterson Sunday afternoon.

A. G. Moyer visited Mr. and Mrs. Sam Moyer Sunday.

Quite a number of our people were in Ironton Monday.

Ed. Westerman, of near Edge Hill, passed through the Valley Sunday en route for Ironton.

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Men's Coin Toe, Lace Shoes, very soft and fine; worth \$2.00; go for **1.30**
Men's Good Every Day Shoes, Seamless Extension Sole; worth \$1.75; go for **1.15**
Mechanics' and Quarrymen's Shoes, good solid Double Extension Sole; they come in Calfskin, Grain Leather and Waterproof; the \$2.25 and \$2.50 kind, go for **1.60**
Men's Kid and Box Calf Low Cut Shoes, in Extension Soles; worth \$3.50 to \$4.00; go for **2.50**
Men's \$3.50 to \$5.00 Shoes, all kinds; the finest Kid and Box Calf Shoes ever made, go for **2.98**
Men's Kid Plain Low Cut Shoes; worth \$2.50 go for **1.60**

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On Our
Ladies' Shoes.



Women's Patent Kid Shoes, the Julia Marlow style; regular price \$3.50, go for **\$2.15**
Ladies' Lace, Very Fine Kid Shoes, Patent Leather Trimmed—Very Swell—worth \$3.00; go for **1.65**
Ladies' Kid Shoes, Stock Tip Extension Sole; worth \$3.00; go for **1.75**
Ladies' Shoes, Fine Vici, in Spring Heel, Coin Toe; worth \$1.75; go for **1.15**
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Ladies' Very Fine Vesting Top Shoes; worth \$2.25; go for **1.35**
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